

**Supplementary Appendix**  
to  
**CHADS<sub>2</sub> and CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc Score to Assess Risk of Stroke and  
Death in Patients paced for Sick Sinus Syndrome**

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## **II. Supplemental Results**

### **Stroke related disability**

For 67 (70.6%) strokes, disability related to stroke was known: ten patients (14.9%) had severe stroke related disability (bed ridden, dependent on nursing, cannot walk without help), 16 (23.9%) had moderate disability (can walk without help, need help with certain functions) and 11 (16.4%) had slight disability.

### **CHADS<sub>2</sub> and CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score distribution**

The CHADS<sub>2</sub> score distribution in the cohort was: 0: 357 patients (25.2%); 1: 445 patients (31.5%); 2: 363 patients (25.7%); 3: 151 patients (10.7%); 4: 68 patients (4.8%); 5: 26 patients (1.8%), and 6: 5 patients (0.4%). Similarly, the CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score was: 0: 93 patients (6.6 %); 1: 163 patients (11.5%); 2: 234 patients (16.5%); 3: 308 patients (21.8%); 4: 287 patients (20.3%); 5: 204 patients (14.4%); 6: 67 patients (4.7%); 7: 42 patients (3.0%); 8: 14 patients (1.0%), and 9: 3 patients (0.2%).

### III. Supplementary Tables

**Table S1:** Harrell's C of Concordance (C Statistic). N=1,415.

End Point	Variable	C	(95 % CI)	Simpler variable	C	95 % CI
Stroke	CHADS <sub>2</sub>	0.62	(0.56-0.68)	AS <sub>2</sub>	0.62	(0.57-0.70)
	CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc	0.60	(0.54-0.66)	A <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> A	0.62	(0.56-0.68)
Death	CHADS <sub>2</sub>	0.66	(0.63-0.69)	ACD	0.69	(0.67-0.72)
	CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc	0.67	(0.64-0.70)	A <sub>2</sub> CDVA	0.70	(0.67-0.72)

**Table S1**

**CHADS<sub>2</sub>** score (C: Congestive heart failure, H: Hypertension, A: Age≥75 years, D: Diabetes mellitus, S: prior Stroke/TIA (double risk weight)) which gives a score from 0 to 6. **CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc** score (C: Congestive heart failure, H: Hypertension, A<sub>2</sub>: Age≥75 years (double risk weight), D: Diabetes mellitus, S: previous Stroke/TIA/arterial embolism (double risk weight), V: Vascular disease, A: Age 65-74 years, Sc: (female) Sex category) which gives a total score from 0 to 9.

**AS<sub>2</sub>**: A+ S<sub>2</sub> alone. **A<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>A**: A<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>2</sub> and A alone. **ACD**: A, C and D alone. **A<sub>2</sub>CDVA**: A<sub>2</sub>, C, D, V and A alone.

**Table S2:** CHADS<sub>2</sub> score and its association with stroke in all patients (n = 1,415) and patients with no OAC at baseline.

End point STROKE		All patients (n=1,415)		No OAC at baseline (n=1,415-197=1,218)	
Variable	Weight	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
<b>All combined:</b>					
CHADS <sub>2</sub> (continuous, 0-6)	-	1.41 (1.22-1.64)	<0.001	1.43 (1.23-1.68)	<0.001
<b>Five components of CHADS<sub>2</sub>:</b>					
C (NYHA at baseline > I) *	1	1.23 (0.78-1.93)	0.37	1.08 (0.66-1.76)	0.76
H (hypertension)	1	1.38 (0.91-2.11)	0.13	1.37 (0.88-2.14)	0.17
A (age ≥ 75)	1	2.19 (1.43-3.37)	<0.001	2.41 (1.52-3.84)	<0.001
D (diabetes)	1	1.31 (0.68-2.53)	0.42	1.35 (0.67-2.70)	0.40
S <sub>2</sub> (previous TIA or stroke)	2	1.61 (1.25-2.06)**	<0.001	1.72 (1.32-2.23)	<0.001
<b>A and S<sub>2</sub> alone (A+S<sub>2</sub>):</b>					
AS <sub>2</sub> (0-3)	-	1.67 (1.37-2.04)	<0.001	1.76 (1.43-2.16)	<0.001

**Table S2.**

CHADS<sub>2</sub> score and its association with stroke in all patients (n = 1,415) and patients with no OAC at baseline (n=1,218). Abbreviations: **HR**, hazard ratio; **OAC**, oral anticoagulation; **CHADS<sub>2</sub>** score (C: Congestive heart failure, H: Hypertension, A: Age≥75 years, D: Diabetes mellitus, S: prior Stroke/TIA (double risk weight)) which gives a score from 0 to 6.

\* Five patients with unknown NYHA at baseline count as 0.

\*\* S<sub>2</sub> takes the values 0 and 2. HR corresponds to an increase in S<sub>2</sub> by 1.

**Table S3:** CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub> -VAsC score and its association with stroke in all patients (n = 1,415) and patients with no OAC at baseline (n=1,218).

End point STROKE		All patients (n=1,415)		No OAC at baseline (n=1,415-197=1,218)	
Variable	Weight	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
<b>All combined:</b>					
CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VAsC (continuous, 0-9)	-	1.25 (1.12-1.40)	<0.001	1.26 (1.12-1.43)	<0.001
<b>Eight components of CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VAsC:</b>					
C (NYHA at baseline > I or LVEF < 40%)*	1	1.23 (0.79-1.93)	0.35	1.11 (0.69-1.80)	0.67
H (hypertension)	1	1.38 (0.91-2.11)	0.13	1.37 (0.88-2.14)	0.17
A <sub>2</sub> (age ≥ 75)	2	1.66 (1.24-2.22)**	<0.001	1.72 (1.26-2.35) **	<0.001
D (diabetes)	1	1.31 (0.68-2.53)	0.42	1.35 (0.67-2.70)	0.40
S <sub>2</sub> (previous TIA, stroke or arterial embolism)	2	1.49 (1.16-1.91)***	0.002	1.59 (1.23-2.07) ***	<0.001
V (arteriosclerotic heart disease)	1	1.33 (0.86-2.05)	0.19	1.26 (0.79-2.00)	0.33
A (65 ≤ age < 75)	1	See A <sub>2</sub> above	-	See A2 above	-
Sc(Female)	1	0.95 (0.62-1.45)	0.82	0.98 (0.63-1.53)	0.93
<b>A<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>2</sub> and A alone (A<sub>2</sub>+S<sub>2</sub>+A):</b>					
A <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> A (0-4)	-	1.49 (1.25-1.78)	<0.001	1.56 (1.29-1.87)	<0.001

**Table S3:**

CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub> -VAsC score and its association with stroke in all patients (n = 1,415) and patients with no OAC at baseline (n=1,218). Abbreviations: **HR**, hazard ratio; **OAC**, oral anticoagulation; **CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub> -VAsC** score (C: Congestive heart failure, H: Hypertension, A<sub>2</sub>: Age≥75 years (double risk weight), D: Diabetes mellitus, S: previous Stroke/TIA/arterial embolism (double risk weight), V: Vascular disease, A: Age 65-74 years, Sc: (female) Sex category) which gives a total score from 0 to 9.

\* Patients with unknown NYHA or unknown LVEF at baseline count as 0

\*\* For the sum of A2 and A

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**Table S4:** CHADS<sub>2</sub> score and its association with death in all patients, patient with no AF and patients with no OAC at baseline.

End point DEATH		All patients (n=1,415)		No AF at baseline (n=1,415-621=794)		No OAC at baseline (n=1,415-197=1,218)	
Variable	Weight	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
<b>All combined:</b> CHADS <sub>2</sub> (continuous, 0-6)	-	1.46 (1.36-1.56)	<0.001	1.46 (1.32-1.61)	<0.001	1.45 (1.35-1.57)	<0.001
<b>Five individual components of CHADS<sub>2</sub>:</b>							
C (NYHA at baseline > I) *	1	2.07 (1.70-2.52)	<0.001	1.68 (1.28-2.22)	<0.001	1.91 (1.54-2.36)	<0.001
H (medical treatment for hypertension)	1	1.04 (0.84-1.28)	0.74	1.22 (0.92-1.62)	0.17	1.06 (0.85-1.33)	0.59
A (age≥75)	1	3.76 (2.99-4.72)	<0.001	3.78 (2.77-5.15)	<0.001	3.89 (3.04-4.98)	<0.001
D (diabetes)	1	1.88 (1.42-2.48)	<0.001	2.22 (1.56-3.17)	<0.001	1.87 (1.39-2.52)	<0.001
S <sub>2</sub> (previous TCI or previous stroke)	2	1.28 (1.12-1.46)	<0.001	1.20 (0.99-1.45)	0.07	1.30 (1.13-1.51)	<0.001
<b>A, C and D alone (A+C+D):</b> ACD (0-3)	-	2.24 (2.00-2.52)	<0.001	2.22 (1.88-2.61)	<0.001	2.20 (1.94-2.49)	<0.001

**Table S4.**

CHADS<sub>2</sub> score and its association with death in all patients (n = 1,415) and patients with no AF (n=794) and no OAC at baseline (n=1,218). Abbreviations: **HR**, hazard ratio; **OAC**, oral anticoagulation; **CHADS<sub>2</sub>** score (C: Congestive heart failure, **H**: Hypertension, **A**: Age≥75 years, **D**: Diabetes mellitus, **S**: prior Stroke/TIA (double risk weight)) which gives a score from 0 to 6.

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**Table S5:** CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub> -VASc score and its association with death in all patients, patient with no AF and patients with no OAC at baseline

End point DEATH		All patients (n=1,415)		No AF at baseline (n=1,415-621=794)		No OAC at baseline (n=1,415-197=1,218)	
Variable	Weight	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
<b>All combined:</b> CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc (continuous, 0-9)	-	1.39 (1.31-1.46)	<0.001	1.36 (1.26-1.47)	<0.001	1.39 (1.31-1.47)	<0.001
<b>Eight individual parts of CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc:</b>							
C (NYHA at baseline > I or LVEF<40%) *	1	2.11 (1.74-2.58)	<0.001	1.70 (1.29-2.23)	<0.001	1.95 (1.58-2.41)	<0.001
H (medical treatment for hypertension)	1	1.04 (0.84-1.28)	0.74	1.22 (0.92-1.62)	0.17	1.06 (0.85-1.33)	0.59
A <sub>2</sub> (age≥75)	2	2.58 (2.19-3.05) **	<0.001**	2.48 (1.98-3.10) **	<0.001**	2.72 (2.26-3.27)**	<0.001 **
D (diabetes)	1	1.88 (1.42-2.48)	<0.001	2.22 (1.56-3.17)	<0.001	1.87 (1.39-2.52)	<0.001
S <sub>2</sub> (previous TCI, stroke or arterial embol)	2	1.32 (1.16-1.49)	<0.001	1.23 (1.02-1.48)	0.027	1.32 (1.15-1.52)	<0.001
V (arteriosclerotic heart disease)	1	1.67 (1.37-2.04)	<0.001	1.39 (1.04-1.85)	0.025	1.60 (1.29-1.98)	<0.001
A (66≤age≤74)	1	See A2 above	-	See A2 above	-	See A2 above	-
Sc (Female)	1	1.33 (1.07-1.64)	0.008	1.27 (0.96-1.68)	0.09	1.40 (1.11-1.75)	0.004
<b>A<sub>2</sub>, C, D, V and A alone (A<sub>2</sub>+C+D+V+A):</b> A <sub>2</sub> CDVA (0-5)	-	1.79 (1.64-1.95)	<0.001	1.71 (1.52-1.92)	<0.001	1.76 (1.61-1.93)	<0.001

**Table S5:**

CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub> -VASc score and its association with stroke in all patients (n = 1,415) and patients with no OAC at baseline (n=1,218).Abbreviations: **HR**, hazard ratio; **OAC**, oral anticoagulation; **CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub> –VASc** score (C: Congestive heart failure, H: Hypertension, **A<sub>2</sub>**: Age≥75 years (double risk weight), **D**: Diabetes mellitus, **S**: previous Stroke/TIA/arterial embolism (double risk weight), **V**: Vascular disease, **A**: Age 65-74 years, **Sc**: (female) Sex category) which gives a total score from 0 to 9.

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